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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON PLENARY MEETING, AUGUST 5, 1977
(SALT TWO - 1324)

1. AT AUGUST 5 PLENARY TODAY, I MADE STATEMENT DISCUSSING US PROPOSALS ON MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET POSITION TAKEN AT LAST PLENARY. I EMPHASIZED THAT US MUST PRESERVE MOBILE OPTION IN AGREEMENT, AND ARGUED THAT TESTING SHOULD BE PERMITTED DURING PROTOCOL PERIOD IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING INCREASE IN THREAT TO FIXED ICBMS AND POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE TO AGREE ON ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON ICBMS. I NOTED THAT BOTH SOVIET AND US PROPOSALS FOR LIMITATIONS ON MOBILE ICBMS INDICATED THAT MOBILES COULD BE DEALT WITH IN SHORT-TERM PROTOCOL IN MANNER DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN LONG-TERM AGREEMENT LASTING THROUGH 1985. I REPEATED THAT ISSUE OF SOVIET SS-16 ICBM WAS SEPARATE FROM MIBILE ICBM ISSUE.

2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON HEAVY BOMBERS REPEATED ALL PREVIOUS SOVIET POSITIONS AND URGED RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES OVER LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE II.3. THERE WAS NOTHING NEW OF SUBSTANCE BUT TONE WAS STRONGER, SEMENOV CLOSING WITH "WE
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INSIST SIDES GET DOWN TO SUBSTANTIVE WORK."

3. BOTH SIDES NOTED PRODUCTION OF UPDATED JDT, AS OF AUG 5.

4. IN BILATERAL, SEMENOV COMPARED US POSITION ON TESTING MOBILE ICBMS TO GREEK TRAGEDY BRINGING MISFORTUNE TO ALL, CITING MIRVS AS COMPARABLE PRECEDENT. SEMENOV STATED US

SHOULD GIVE HIS PLENARY STATEMENT "MOST CAREFUL ATTENTION" IN CONTEXT OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON THIS TOPIC, BUT DID NOT INDICATE WHAT WAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. I REMINDED SEMENOV THAT US HAD TURNED OVER US FIGURES FOR DATA BASE AND WAS AWAITING SOVIET RESPONSE.

5. IN ROWNY/SHCHUKIN - BELETSKY BILATERAL, SHCHUKIN SPOKE OF DISTURBING NOTE IN US MOBILE ICBM PROPOSALS, SAYING THEY POINTED WAY TO NEW ROUND IN ACTION/REACTION CYCLE. HE THEN COMPARED SITUATION ON MOBILE ICBMS WITH DECISIONS TO DEPLOY MINUTEMAN AND MIRV. ROWNY REAFFIRMED US CONCERN WITH ICBM VULNERABILITY AS BASIS FOR US MOBILE ICBM PROPOSALS AND SAID THAT CONTRARY TO SITUATION AT TIME WHEN DECISIONS WERE MADE ON MINUTEMAN AND MIRVS, NOW HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK A POTENTIAL ACTION/REACTION CYCLE.

6. IN KLOSSON/KARPOV BILATERAL, KARPOV STRONGLY CRITICIZED US POSITION OF INSISTING ON TOTAL SS-16 BAN WHILE RETAINING RIGHT TO DEVELOP M-X.

7. IN LTCOL JOHNSON - HAFNER/BEKETOV - JOURAVLEV BILATERAL, JOHNSON ASKED WHAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN SOVIET PROPOSAL TO BAN TESTING OF MOBILE LAUNCHERS AND THEIR MISSILES. SOVIETS APPEARED UNCERTAIN ABOUT MEANING OF TERM TESTING IN SOVIET PROPOSAL, BUT WERE MADE AWARE THAT, IF TERM MEANT ONLY FLIGHT TESTING, SOVIET SIDE MIGHT WISH TO CLARIFY.

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8. IN RUBENS - HURD/PAVLICHENKO BILATERAL, PAVLICHENKO DISCOUNTED IMPORTANCE OF ICBM SURVIVABILITY ISSUE, ARGUING THAT CURRENT WARNING SYSTEMS WOULD PERMIT LAUNCH-ON-WARNING. EARLE

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